

EC-4951. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Aeromat-Industria Mecanico Metalurgica Ltda. Models AMT-100 and AMT-200 Powered Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0574)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4952. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Dimensions of the Grand Canyon National Park Special Flight Rules Area and Flight Free Zones" ((RIN2120-AG74)(2001-0004)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4953. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments (72); Amdt. No. 2078" ((RIN2120-AA65)(2001-0061)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4954. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Fokker Model F.28 Mark 0100 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0570)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4955. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2001-0571)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4956. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hybrid III Type 3-Year-Old Size Test Dummy (Response to Petitions for Reconsideration)" ((RIN2127-A102)) received on December 14, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4957. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail as Endangered (Emergency Rule)" ((RIN1018-A119)) received on December 17, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4958. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a letter clarifying how revisions to the Mixture and Derived-From rules apply to the 40CFR 261.3(g) exclusion; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4959. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a letter addressing the Regulatory Determination on the Status of CAtoxid Units; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4960. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Louisiana; Redesignation of Lafourche Parish Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL7121-4) received on December 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4961. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Control of Emissions From Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators; State of Kansas" (FRL7120-2) received on December 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4962. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Section 112(l) Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants; District of Columbia; Department of Health" (FRL7121-7) received on December 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4963. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL7120-8) received on December 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4964. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL7121-1) received on December 18, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 415: A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-130).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SARBANES for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Diane Leneghan Tomb, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

*Sean O'Keefe, of New York, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 1848. A bill to provide mortgage payment assistance for employees who are separated from employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1849. A bill for the relief of Thomas J. Sansone, Jr; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1850. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. KOHL):

S. 1851. A bill to amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for continuous open enrollment and disenrollment in Medicare+Choice plans and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THOMAS:

S. 1852. A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 1853. A bill to authorize the President of the United States, on behalf of the Congress, to present a gold medal to Sargent Shriver; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1854. A bill to authorize the President to present congressional gold medals to the Native American Code Talkers in recognition of their contributions to the Nation during World War I and World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1855. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility of certain veterans and their dependents for burial in Arlington National Cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1856. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote employer and

employee participation in telework arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1857. A bill to Encourage the Negotiated Settlement of Tribal Claims; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1858. A bill to permit the closed circuit televising of the criminal trial of Zacarias Moussaoui for the victims of September 11th; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 1859. A bill to extend the deadline for granting posthumous citizenship to individuals who die while on active-duty service in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. Res. 193. A resolution authorizing certain employees of the Senate who perform service in the uniformed services to be placed in a leave without pay status, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 94

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 94, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 5-year extension of the credit for electricity produced from wind.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 267, a bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, to make it unlawful for any stockyard owner, market agency, or dealer to transfer or market nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children, and for other purposes.

S. 351

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 351, a bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting use of mercury fever thermometers and improving collection, recycling, and disposal of mercury, and for other purposes.

S. 683

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 683, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and to establish State health insurance safety-net programs.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1209

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1209, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to consolidate and improve the trade adjustment assistance programs, to provide community-based economic development assistance for trade-affected communities, and for other purposes.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for equitable reimbursement rates under the medicare program to Medicare+Choice organizations.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to support business incubation in academic settings.

S. 1478

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1478, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to improve the treatment of certain animals, and for other purposes.

S. 1626

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1626, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1707

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1707, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the medicare physician fee schedule for 2002 and to direct the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission to conduct a study on replacing the use of the sustainable growth rate as a factor in determining such update in subsequent years.

S. 1749

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1749, a bill to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1754

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1754, a bill to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal years 2002 through 2007, and for other purposes.

S. 1842

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1842, a bill to modify the project for beach erosion control, Tybee Island, Georgia.

AMENDMENT NO. 2533

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2533 intended to be proposed to S. 1731, an original bill to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 1848. A bill to provide mortgage payment assistance for employees who are separated from employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I rise to introduce the Homestead Preservation Act.

It is a bill to provide displaced workers with access to low-interest loans to help cover monthly home mortgage payments while they are looking for a new job. This is commonsense, compassionate legislation designed to help working families, who through no fault of their own, are adversely affected by international competition.

During the past months, all Americans have been deluged with grim news of recessions, plummeting consumer confidence and rising unemployment. Since October of last year, unemployment has jumped 1.8 percent, bringing the unemployment rate to 5.7 percent, the highest in over 6 years. This is